

Docket No.: 062758-0011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Toru OWADA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8446

Application No.: 09/943,754 : Group Art Unit: 2134

: Allowed: April 21, 2006

Filed: September 04, 2001 : Examiner: David Y. Jung

For: INFORMATION STORAGE SYSTEM, INFORMATION TRANSFER SYSTEM AND

STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)

Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the April 21, 2006 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement references the latest amendment and asserts that "the claimed inventions are meant to be within the situation of the particular asymmetrical encryption handlings." The language of the allowed claims and Applicants' position on patentability should be readily apparent from the latest response. It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants'

prosecution of the claims. The Statement should not be viewed as justification for any claim construction that may differ from the claim language or from the proper interpretation thereof in view of the specification and Applicants' response.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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